

Public Notice – Environmental Permit

PURPOSE OF NOTICE: To seek public comment on a draft permit from the Department of Environmental Quality that will allow the impact of surface waters for the widening and improvement of approximately 3.4 miles of existing Route 1 (Jefferson David Highway) in Fairfax County, Virginia.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: For 30 days, starting from the day after the notice is in the newspaper: April 20, 2014 to May 21, 2014 at 5:00 p.m.

PERMIT NAME: Virginia Water Protection Permit issued by DEQ, under the authority of the State Water Control Board

APPLICANT NAME, ADDRESS AND PERMIT NUMBER: Corman-Wagman A Joint Venture, 12001 Guilford Road, Annapolis Junction, Maryland 20701; VWPP No. 13-1539

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Corman-Wagman A Joint Venture has applied for a new permit for surface water impacts associated with the widening and improvement of approximately 3.4 miles of existing Route 1 (Jefferson David Highway) from its intersection with Telegraph Road (Route 611) to its intersection with Mount Vernon Memorial Highway (Route 235) in Fairfax County, Virginia. The permit will allow the applicant to impact approximately 2.61 acres surface waters consisting of 2.18 acres of permanent impacts, 0.08 acre of permanent conversion impacts, and 0.35 acre of temporary impacts. Permanent impacts are to 1.05 acres of palustrine forested wetland (PFO), 0.06 acre of palustrine scrub-shrub wetland (PSS), 0.35 acre of palustrine emergent wetland (PEM), 0.01 acre of open water, and 0.71 acre (3,668 linear feet) of stream channel. Permanent conversion impacts are to 0.08 acre PFO to PEM. Temporary impacts are to 0.18 acre PSS, 0.09 acre PEM, and 0.08 acre (171 linear feet) of stream channels. The activity proposed in the permit will affect tributaries to Accotink Creek and Mason Run which are located within the Potomac River watershed. A watershed is the land area drained by a river and its incoming streams. To compensate for the affected area, the applicant would purchase 2.62 wetland credits from the Buena Vista Wetland Mitigation Bank and 2,256 stream credits from the Hampstead Mitigation Bank and/or another DEQ approved mitigation bank and/or from a Virginia Aquatic Resources Trust Fund Bank that is authorized to sell credits to the permitted impact site. DEQ's preliminary decision is to issue the permit.

HOW TO COMMENT AND/OR REQUEST A PUBLIC HEARING: DEQ accepts comments and requests for public hearing by e-mail, fax or postal mail. All comments and requests must be in writing and be received by DEQ during the comment period. Submittals must include the names, mailing addresses and telephone numbers of the commenter/requester and of all persons represented by the commenter/requester. A request for public hearing must also include: 1) The reason why a public hearing is requested. 2) A brief, informal statement regarding the nature and extent of the interest of the requester or of those represented by the requestor, including how and to what extent such interest would be directly and adversely affected by the permit. 3) Specific references, where possible, to terms and conditions of the permit with suggested revisions. A public hearing may be held, including another comment period, if public response is significant, based on individual requests for a public hearing, and there are substantial, disputed issues relevant to the permit.

CONTACT FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS, DOCUMENT REQUESTS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Margaret Quigley; Northern Regional Office, 13901 Crown Court, Woodbridge, Virginia 22193; Phone: (703) 583-3892; E-mail: Margaret.Quigley@deq.virginia.gov; Fax: (703) 583-3821. The public may review the draft permit and application at the DEQ office named above or may request copies of the documents from the contact person listed below.